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(c) The services in the rural areas of Maharashtra particularly in Konkan is satisfactory. The development plan for the Konkan area is as below:

Name of SSAs	Parameters	Target	Achievement* (upto 31.1.2001)
Raigad	DELs (rural)	5414	5669
	Rural Exchanges	15	16
Ratnagiri	DELs (Rural)	3212	3750
	Rural Exchanges	31	27
Sindhudurg	DELs (Rural)	2121	747
	Rural Exchanges	10	10

**Telephone facilities to Gram Panchayats in Gujarat**

594. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Gujarat;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats to whom telephone facilities have been provided; and
- (c) the time by which telephone facility will be provided to the remaining Gram Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) 12,419 Gram Panchayats out of 13,510 in Gujarat have been provided with telecom facility;

- (c) All the remaining Gram Panchayats in Gujarat are proposed to be provided with telecom facility by Fixed Service Provider by March, 2002.